

LOST MOUND SAND PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

April 15-17, 2004

Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, Illinois

and

Lost Mound Unit

of the

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge



Join us for the Lost Mound Sand Prairie Conference April 15-17, 2004 in the northwestern tip of Illinois. The Lost Mound Unit is the newest addition to the National Wildlife Refuge system and contains the largest sand prairie remnant in Illinois and one of the largest prairies in the region. This conference is an opportunity for biologists, land managers, researchers, and prairie enthusiasts to share information, expertise, and experiences from a variety of sand prairies in the Midwest. Topics will include endangered species, habitat management, species reintroductions, geology of sand deposits, and the ecology of sand prairie organisms. The conference includes a half-day field trip to Lost Mound and plenty of time for discussing problems, ideas, and research opportunities with other sand prairie enthusiasts.

Co-sponsors: Illinois Natural History Survey, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Depot, JoDaviess County Natural Area Guardians, Prairie Enthusiasts, Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, Savanna Depot Technologies Corporation, Illinois DNR-Division of Natural Heritage, Friends of the Upper Mississippi Refuge

Schedule

Thursday, April 15 at Chestnut Mountain

12:00 noon - 1:00	Registration
1:00 - 1:10	Introduction
1:10 - 3:00	Session 1
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 5:15	Session 2
5:15 - 5:30	Announcements
Dinner on your own	

Friday, April 16

6:30 - 7:30	Breakfast
8:00 - 12:00	Field Trip at Lost Mound
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Provided
1:00 - 3:00	Session 3 (at Lost Mound)
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 5:15	Session 4 (at Lost Mound)
5:15 - 5:30	Announcements
Dinner on your own	

Saturday, April 17 at Chestnut Mountain

6:30 - 7:30	Breakfast
7:30	Bus for field trip departing from Chestnut Mtn
8:00 - 10:00	Session 5
1:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 12:15	Session 6

Partial list of speakers

Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
Mike Arduser	Missouri Dept. Conservation	Bees of midwestern sand prairies
Marlin Bowles	Morton Arboretum	Fire and long-term vegetation change in sand prairies
Janice Coons	Eastern Illinois University	Ecology of <i>Stylisma pickeringii</i> (Patterson bindweed)
John Ebinger	Eastern Illinois University	Plant communities of Illinois sand deposits
Mike Engel	USFWS	Karner blue butterfly ecology and reintroduction
Bill Handel	INHS	Prairie restoration and management in NW Illinois
Jim Herkert	Illinois TNC	Grassland bird nesting ecology
Joyce Hofmann	INHS	Sand prairie/woodland mammals
Janeen Laatsch	Missouri Dept. Conservation	Sand prairies of the Missouri bootheel
Ken Lubinski	USGS	The landscape context of sand prairies
Randy Nyboer	Illinois ESPB/INHS	Invasive plants in sand prairies
Chip O'Leary	Indiana TNC	Kankakee sands restoration
Ron Panzer	Northeastern Illinois Univ.	Status and distribution of sand prairie insects
Jim Rachuy	Prairie Enthusiasts	Restoration plans for Stewardship Park
Patti Reilly	IDNR	Sand prairie inventory areas in Illinois
Eric Ribbens	Western Illinois University	Ecology of fragile prickly pear cactus (<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>)
Steve Richter	Wisconsin TNC	Ecology and management of Spring Green preserve
Ken Robertson	INHS	Henry Allan Gleason surveys of Illinois sand deposits
Steve Simpson	Highland Comm. College	Geology of driftless region and sand deposits
Ricky Spencer	Iowa State Univ.	Ornate box turtles; Aquatic turtles nesting in sand dunes
Amy Symstad	USGS	Establishing restoration goals for Lost Mound's sand prairie
John Taft	INHS	Nachusa grassland plant communities
Jeff Walk	IDNR	Prairie chicken reintroduction, non-game conservation
Dan Wenny	INHS-Lost Mound	Sand prairie bird response to cessation of grazing,
Chris Whelan	INHS-Midewin	Links among birds, insect prey, and grass height

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Registration Form (registration deadline is March 12, 2004)

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Name to appear on badge (first, last) _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Accommodations: It will be your responsibility to make hotel accommodations at either **Chestnut Mt. Resort**, Black Jack Road, Galena, Illinois, **(815/777-1320)** or the **Best Western Motel**, 9915 US Route 20, Galena, Illinois, **(815/777-2577)**. When making reservations, mention you are with the Lost Mound Sand Prairie Conference and you will qualify for the government room rate. Note that the sessions will be held at Chestnut Mountain Resort which is a 20-minute drive from Galena. The Best Western is in Galena. Rooms are also available at the Artful Lodger B&B in Hanover (815-591-2365).

Registration Fees: The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch on Friday April 16, breakfast on April 17, the field trip, and all breaks and activities.

\$35 before March 12th

\$50 after March 12th

Payment Details: We accept personal checks made out to Illinois Natural History Survey and VISA and Mastercard only.

Registration Fees \$ _____ Payment type (please circle): check credit card

Credit Card # _____ VISA/MasterCard (circle one)

Expiration date _____ Signature _____

If paying by credit card you may FAX this form to us. Otherwise, please mail this form with your payment to:

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